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BOOK REVIEWS

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NURSING IN MENTAL DISEASES. By Harriet Bailey, R. N. The Macmillan Company, New York. Price, \$1.60.

In the lists of text books written for the nursing profession, we have not, until now, found one treating of the care of mental patients written by a nurse and teacher. Therefore, this is a most timely book and deserves a wide popularity. The training of the student in general hospitals includes, usually, no actual practice in the nursing of mental diseases or clinical teaching in the understanding of mental symptoms. The theory is acquired by a series of lectures. That these lectures may be more clearly impressed upon and interpreted to the young mind, a text book, giving in detail, definitions, care, symptoms, and treatments, is a necessity, and when the text book is written by an experienced and understanding nurse we have a competent guide for our students. The arrangement of the present book is excellent, and the text complete and comprehensive, including chapters on Dangers and Precautions, Accidents and Emergencies, History of the Care of the Mentally Sick, Psychology, Mental Deficiency with the Binet-Simon Intelligence Tests, and a brief chapter on Hydrotherapy.

CARE AND FEEDING OF SOUTHERN BABIES. A guide for Mothers, Nurses and Baby Welfare Workers of the South. By Owen H. Wilson, M. D. Baird-Ward Printing Company, Nashville, Tenn. Price, \$1.25.

As stated by the author this is a simple guide for southern mothers and nurses because of the necessity for special restrictions in diet and clothing for southern babies. It is a small book and follows the usual arrangement for this type of book. The suggestions for traveling with a baby are unusually good.

A LABORATORY MANUAL OF PHYSIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY. By Elbert W. Rockwood, M. D., Ph. D. Fourth Edition Enlarged and Revised. Illustrated. F. A. Davis Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$2.00.

An excellently arranged text-book in which the tests, preparations, reactions, etc., are concisely and clearly stated and the technique readily followed. The book is primarily for the medical student or for special work in other professions or in scientific and industrial courses. It could only be used in nurse training schools where there